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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NEW VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO ECUADOR DR. ANTONIO ARELLANO MORENO

REF: 76 CARACAS 13595

1. AMBASSADOR ARELLANO'S TWO YEAR AND THREE MONTH STAY IN SANTIAGO HAS AT TIMES BEEN DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE STRAINED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOV AND GOC. IN MID-NOVEMBER ARELLANO WAS REASSINGED TO QUITO AND RETURNED TO CARACAS DURING A PERIOD OF SOME TENSION, THOUGHT HERE TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY CAP'S ATTENDANCE AT THE BURIAL OF EXPATRIATED ANTI-JUNTA SOCIALIST ORLANDO LETELIER KILLED IN SEPTEMBER 1976.

2. WHEN ARELLANO RETURNED TO SANTIAGO TO PACK, BOTH SIDES MADE AN EFFORT TO PATCH UP THE TIFF. ARELLANO HAD KIND WORDS FOR FUTURE CHILE/VENEZUELAN RELATIONS AND GOC FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL PRESENTED HIM WITH THE TRADITIONAL CHILEAN LEGION OF MERIT AWARD ON DECEMBER 27. HE PRAISED ARELLANO'S EFFORTS TO BRING THE TWO COUNTRIES CLOSER TOGETHER.

3. ARELLANO HAD DONE WELL DURING HIS TOUR IN HANDLING THE DIFFICULT AND SENSITIVE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM A CONSTANT FLOW OF ASYLEES INTO HIS EMBASSY. SOME OF THEM WERE HARD CASES, INDEED, BUT
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ALL EVENTUALLY LEFT THE COUNTRY. AT A FAREWELL CEREMONY GIVEN FOR HIM BY THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, HE QUIPPED THAT HE HAD NOT REALIZED WHEN HE CAME TO SANTIAGO THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO RUN A PENSION.

4. COMMENT: ARELLANO IS BRIGHT, VOCAL AND WELL-KNOWN IN SANTIAGO INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE IS THE AUTHOR OF THREE BOOKS ON VENEZUELAN HISTORY, WHICH HE DONATES TO FRIENDS

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FROM TIME TO TIME. A VENEZUELAN EMBOFF TOLD US HE HAD TOO MUCH
SYMPATHY FOR THE CURRENT GOC TO PLEASE CARACAS.

5. ARELLANO HOLDS DEGREES IN LAW AND ECONOMICS. HIS LAW THESIS,
"DOCTRINE AND LEGISLATION ON COMMERCIAL INSURANCE," IS CURRENTLY
IN ITS FOURTH EDITION. BACK IN THE LATE '40'S HE HAD TWO OTHER
DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS: PARIS, 1946-1947, AS FIRST SECRETARY;
AND MEXICO CITY IN 1949, AS MIN STER COUNSELOR. CHEERFUL AND
APPROACHABLE, ARELLANO IS A BACHELOR.
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